

PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 04350.0012-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

| In re Application of: | |
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| Richard A. ESSER et al. |) Group Art Unit: 3727 |
| Application No.: 09/689,615 |) Examiner: Castellano, S. |
| Filed: October 13, 2000 |)) |
| For: RAPID DEPLOY HAZMAT CONTAINMENT DEVICE |) Pro |
| Mail Stop Appeal BriefPatents Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | RECEIVED MAR 0 4 2004 TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700 |
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Appellants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of August 28, 2003. A fee of \$475.00, for small entity, is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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